



“Autumn shows how beautiful it is to let things go.”

– Unknown

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AAUW Events



AAUW Washington Online Branch Presents

Virtual Panel Presentation on Title IX
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, On Zoom

Join the AAUW Washington Online Branch for an in-depth virtual panel presentation on Title IX. September 17, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:00pm PST. Their panel presentation will explore the historical evolution, current landscape, and future implications of Title IX, with a focus on its impact on gender equity in education, athletics, and beyond.

The panel will provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the legal, cultural, and political dimensions of Title IX—from its 1972 origins to the most recent developments in 2025. Panelists will share insights on enforcement trends, lived experiences, and strategies for upholding gender equity in the face of evolving interpretations and challenges. Panelists include:

- Dorothy McBride, professor emeritus of political science at Florida Atlantic University,
- Julie McCleery, Co-Director, UW Center for Leadership in Athletics, College of Education, and
- Domanic Vanthom, WSU Vancouver, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Deputy Title IX Coordinator

[Register for the Event](#)



AAUW National presents

A Fall Member Gathering
Thursday, September 18, 2025, 5 - 6 pm on Zoom

Please join us for AAUW's Fall Member Gathering!

At this special event, we will:

- Recognize outstanding supporters and branches,
- Update you on our Strategic Plan's 3 key priorities,
- Share the results of AAUW's FY25 Branch Survey, and
- Provide you with the information you need to answer our 5 Calls to Action!

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our achievements and learn about our latest initiatives!

[Register HERE](#)



Oakland-Piedmont & Hayward-Castro Valley branches present a

"Magical" Fall Luncheon
Saturday, September 20, 2025
12:00 - 3:00 pm

Peony Restaurant
Pacific Renaissance Plaza
388 9th St., 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA.

The Hayward-Castro Valley and Oakland-Piedmont branches are gathering together for a magical fall luncheon to be held at the beautiful Peony Restaurant in the Pacific Renaissance Plaza at 388 9th St., Oakland, CA. There is paid parking in a basement garage accessible from 10th & Webster. We will enjoy a Chinese banquet with a variety of meat-based and vegetarian options available.

There will be a special magic performance by Meriam Al Sultan, the first female magician from Saudi Arabia. You don't want to miss her!

The cost is \$35 per person, payable at the door by cash or check (made out to AAUW Oakland-Piedmont).

Carpooling is being coordinated by Liz Bathgate. If you can drive others, or need a ride, please contact Liz at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com or call 510-581-0461.

RSVP's are REQUIRED. Please email aauwoakpied@gmail.com no later than September 15th to secure your spot. Indicate your name, your branch, and the # in your party.

Branch Interest Groups



Drama Reading Group

Drama Reading group is on hiatus for the summer.

We will return for our first play reading on **Wednesday, October 8th at 1 pm**, and continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1 pm through June 2026.

An email about our first play reading will be forwarded to drama reading group members. If you would like to be included as a member this year, please email me at elisabethbathgate@icloud.com.

Thanks. Liz



Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 3:30 PM** on Zoom. We will discuss **"Who Cooked the Last Supper: The Women's History of the World"** by Rosalind Miles.

Men dominate history because they write it. Women's vital part in the shaping of the world has been consistently undervalued or ignored. Rosalind Miles now offers a fundamental reappraisal that sets the record straight. Stunning in its scope and originality, The Women's History of the World challenges all previous world histories and shatters cherished illusions on every page.

Everyone is welcome. We are a small, but mighty group.

Hope to have you join us. Please RSVP to slaterl@sbcglobal.net and I'll send you the Zoom link.

Dining Out

Dear Members. Hope you will join the Oakland-Piedmont and



Hayward-Castro Valley branches at the **Fall Luncheon on Saturday, September 20th from 12 - 3 pm at the Peony Restaurant in Oakland.** Full details are listed above.

Stay tuned for future emails about upcoming lunches. Save your place at the table. Send your favorite eateries by email to Pat Macsata at patmacsata@gmail.com.

President's Message

Your Board

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AAUW Hayward-Castro Valley Branch board meetings occur on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Linda for Zoom information.

All branch members are encouraged to attend board meetings.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.
<https://www.aauw.org>

AAUW California's mission: AAUW California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs,



A NEW YEAR, A STRONGER FUTURE

Hello Branch members welcome to the 2025-2026 AAUW program year. This year our branch goals are to grow and energize our membership through collaborative programs. We have always collaborated with the local League (LWVEA) and our libraries, but this year we are collaborating with another like-minded branch, Oakland-Piedmont. We will pool our resources and, hopefully, make something "magical" happen.

First up is our fall luncheon on Saturday, September 20th from 12 - 3 pm. (see the flyer above). I hope you will make an effort to come support our branch and AAUW. Bring a friend, meet the members of Oakland-Piedmont, sit with someone new, enjoy the delicious Chinese banquet, and be entertained by the magic show. But more importantly, think about your hopes for our branch and how your skills can contribute.

AAUW, besides being the largest non-institutional funder of graduate-level education in the US, champions equity and empowerment of women at all stages of life, from Tech Trek, to college, to career, and beyond. I share these goals, that's why I joined and remain committed to supporting AAUW.

How about you? What drew you to AAUW? Be on the lookout for a Branch Survey in your email inbox in the next month. Your Board wants to know what excites you about AAUW, your interests, priorities, and opportunities to support as we flow into a new year and a stronger future together.

Our next board meeting is Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Everyone is invited to attend. Email me at slaterl@sbcglobal.net for the Zoom link.

In Service, Linda Slater, President

Public Policy



Public Policy Continues Peer Group Meetings

Public Policy will continue their peer group meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 3:00pm Pacific. They will hold a peer group kickoff meeting on **Sept 4, 2025**. After that initial meeting, they will meet every other month starting in October.

Please contact publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org, if you wish to attend, to obtain the zoom link.

[Public Policy Website](#)

Membership Matters



The Hayward-Castro Valley values you as a member. This vital organization, which advances equity for women and girls, is strongest when we all join together.

Please renew online or make your dues check payable to **AAUW-HCV**. To renew **ONLINE**: Go to [Login - AAUW](#)

Renew **BY CHECK**: Mail to Liz Bathgate, membership chair, at 22112 Queen St. Castro

Valley, CA 94546.

For regular members, dues, in 2025 are \$109 per year (Includes National \$74, State \$20 and Branch \$15); Life member \$15 per year or \$1,480 lifetime; and Dual members \$15.

AAUW will be sending renewal email notices, to all members, 1 month before your renewal month, and for the 3 months following. Your renewal month is based on the month you initially joined AAUW. The renewal month is no longer set as June for everyone.

Questions? Send an email to elisabethbathgate@icloud.com

Fall Community Events



The Castro Valley/Eden Chamber of Commerce presents

The 53rd Annual Castro Valley Fall Festival
Saturday, September 6, 2025, 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday, September 7, 2025, 10 am - 5 pm

Castro Valley Blvd between Redwood Rd & Santa Maria

Join the Castro Valley Eden Area Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Fall Festival!
FREE admission and fun for the whole family. Enjoy good eats, toe-tapping music and
shop local at our many vendors. A great way to kick off your Christmas shopping.



The Castro Valley Library Presents

Shakespeare Santa Cruz

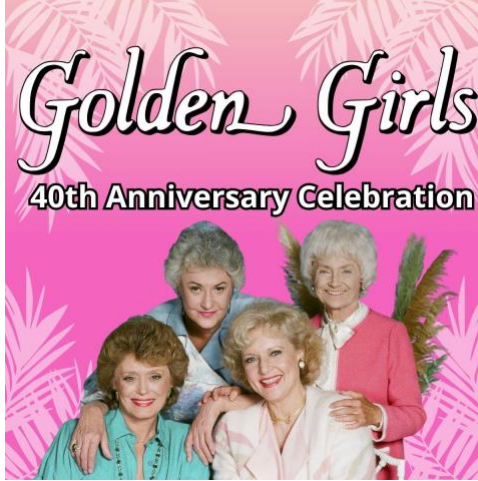
"A Midsummer's Night's Dream"
Saturday, September 13, 2025, 2 - 3:15 pm

"Romeo and Juliet"
Saturday, October 11, 2025, 2 - 3:15 pm

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Rd., Castro Valley

Join Shakespeare Santa Cruz at the library for a special abridged performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

Both shows are appropriate and accessible for students of all ages. The performers will remain after the show for a special Q&A for the audience. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



The Hayward Downtown Library Presents

Golden Girls: 40th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, September 13, 2025, 3 - 4:30 pm

Hayward Public Library
888 C Street, Hayward, CA
Fremont Bank Foundation Room

Yes, you read that right-- it's the 40th anniversary of the iconic show The Golden Girls and Hayward Library is celebrating! This free event will include:

- Crafts
- Trivia & games
- Photo ops
- An episode screening

Come unleash your inner Dorothy, Rose, Blanche, or Sophia (but hopefully not Stan) and enjoy a fun afternoon celebrating the iconic & groundbreaking show. Registration is encouraged but not required.

[Register for the Event](#)



Hayward Chamber of Commerce Presents

Mariachi Festival
Saturday, September 27, 2025, 12 - 6 pm

Southland Mall
One Southland Mall Dr., Hayward

A vibrant celebration of Mexican culture, our mariachi festival draws over 6,000 attendees

from across the San Francisco Bay Area. Renowned mariachi bands showcase the genre's rich heritage through stunning regalia, intricate instrumentation, and soulful vocals.

Beyond electrifying performances, the festival features a vibrant mercado with local artisans, authentic Mexican cuisine, Lucha Libre entertainment, and interactive cultural demonstrations. This family-friendly event celebrates our community's diversity and cultural richness, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



The Douglas Morrison Theatre presents

Ballet Folklórico

Mexico Danza & EBCPCA: Dio de las Muertas

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 7 pm, cost \$40

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 3 pm, cost \$40

Costa de Oro: Fiesta Mexico

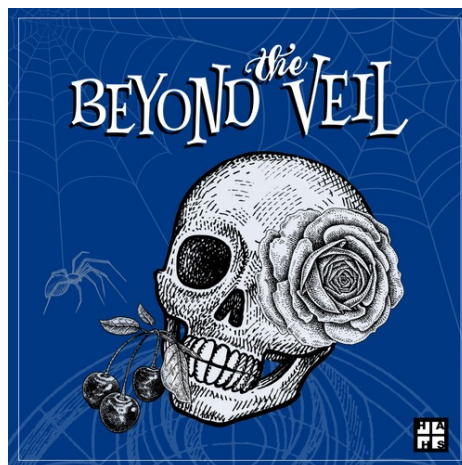
Saturday, October 18, 2025, 7 pm, cost \$25, students \$20

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 2 pm, cost \$25, students \$20

Experience vibrant dance, music, and storytelling that honor ancestry and celebrate life. Dancers in dazzling costumes bring Mexico's rich traditions to the stage, inviting audiences to reflect on family, memory, and enduring connections.

Be sure to check out all of the events at the Douglas Morrison Theatre.

[**Purchase Tickets**](#)



Beyond the Veil

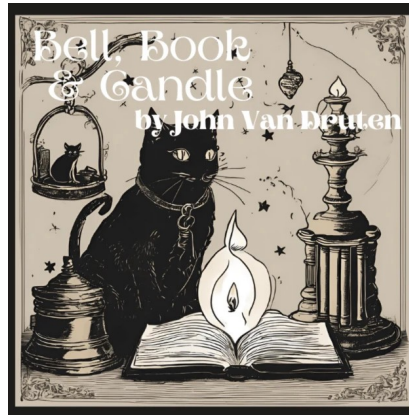
McConaghy House: Ghosts - October 17 & 18, 2025
Meek Estate: Death in the Home - October 24 & 25, 2025
All Tours starting at 6:15 pm

It's the season for spooky stories, and nothing is spookier than when the stories are rooted in truth! Explore tales and traditions, spirits and sightings, in a guided tour through McConaghy House or Meek Mansion. Tours last approximately one hour. For a less chilling experience with fewer spooks and ghouls, please book the 6:15 tour.

Space is limited! Purchase tickets in advance to guarantee your spot as these tours can sell out. Proceeds support the ongoing maintenance of these historic properties. Purchase online below or call (510) 581-0223.

\$25 General Admission | \$15 HAHS Members | Ages 14+

[Register for Your Tour](#)



The Chanticleers Theatre Presents

Bell, Book & Candle
October 17 - November 2, 2025
Friday & Saturday 8 pm, Sundays 2 pm

Chanticleers Theatre
3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley, CA

Bell, Book & Candle is based on the 1950's Broadway play by John Van Druten, later made into a supernatural romantic comedy starring Kim Novak and James Stewart.

Gillian Holroyd is one of the few modern people who can actually cast spells and perform feats of supernaturalism. She casts a spell over an unattached publisher, Shepherd Henderson, partly to keep him away from a rival and partly because she is attracted to him. He falls head over heels in love with her and wants to marry her. But witches cannot fall in love, and this leads into a number of difficulties.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

If you have news about a member who needs to be congratulated on a special occasion or accomplishment, who needs to be encouraged during illness or difficult time, or to be reminded we are here for him/her, please contact your branch president, Linda Slater at slaterl@sbcglobal.net.

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